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SUBJECT: SOVIETS HINT AT INTEREST IN LIMITING NAVIES IN  
INDIAN OCEAN

USA INSTITUTE DIRECTOR YURI ARBATOV HAS SUGGESTED PRIVATELY ON FEBRUARY 25 THAT THE US AND THE USSR GET TOGETHER ON POSSIBLE NAVAL LIMITATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH A GROUP OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS CURRENTLY VISITING THE USSR, ARBATOV ALSO MADE ONE OF THE RARE REFERENCES TO GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S SPEECH IN 1971 THAT CALLED FOR LIMITS ON NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS BY THE TWO GREAT POWERS FAR FROM THEIR OWN SHORES.

1. THAT SPEECH BREZHNEV WAS PUTTING ON RECORD AN IDEA FIRST BROACHED BY AMBASSADOR DOBYNNIN IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH, 1970.

2. THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW BELIEVES THAT ARBATOV'S REMARKS

IN ADDITION TO AN AUTHORITATIVE RUSSIAN "OBSERVER" ARTICLE IN

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PRAVDA ON FEBRUARY 27 PROVIDED A BASIS FOR OFFICIAL INQUIRIES ABOUT SOVIET INTEREST IN NAVAL LIMITATION AGREEMENTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE "OBSERVER" ARTICLE DID NOT MENTION BREZHNEV'S PROPOSAL OF 1973, BUT IT DID REPEAT THE FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO AN INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO INDIA IN NOVEMBER.

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